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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRIDGETOWN 2029

FOR AMBASSADOR ALDRICH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BB, BF

SUBJ: NAVAL FACILITY NEGOTIATIONS -- BARBADOS

REF: STATE 174122

1. FOREIGN OFFICE PERMANENT SECRETARY SYMMONDS HAS JUST
CONFIRMED TO ME THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT FM FORDE WILL
PARTICIPATE IN THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE EXTENSION
OF THE NAVFAC AGREEMENT. I SUSPECTED AS MUCH YESTERDAY ON
RECEIPT OF AN INVITATION FOR THE GOB LUNCHEON HONORING THE
NEGOTIATING GROUP WITH SYMMONDS AS THE HOST.

2. WHEN I ASKED SYMMONDS ABOUT THIS, HE FIRST TOLD ME
THURSDAYS WAS DAY THE CABINET MEETS AND FORDE COULD NOT
COUNT ON BEING AT LUNCHEON. I THEN PRESSED HIM ON FORDE'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE DISCUSSIONS. HE SAID THE MINISTER
WOULD "NOT NECESSARILY" PARTICIPATE IN THE CONVERSATIONS
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BUT ENDED UP BY SAYING THAT HIS PARTICIPATION WAS
UNLIKELY.

3. I WAS NOT INFORMED IF AMBASSADOR ALDRICH AND
FOREIGN MINISTER FORDE DISCUSSED THIS ASPECT DURING
THEIR MEETING IN WASHINGTON SO I DID NOT COMMENT TO
SYMMONDS ON THIS DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, ON THE FACE

OF IT, IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE GOB DOES NOT SEE THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH ARE TO COMMENCE ON THE 27TH AS BEING DEFINITIVE. SYMONDS, ALTHOUGH A HIGH RANKING CAREER OFFICIAL DOES NOT HAVE EITHER THE POLITICAL CLOUT OR THE ACCESS TO THE CABINET THAT FORDE HAS.

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